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STATE WATER BOARD'S EFFORTS TO MONITOR SURFACE WATER SUPPORTED AT BOARD WORKSHOP

SACRAMENTO--Members of the regulated community and environmental groups Friday praised the State Water Resources Control Board's efforts with the Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program (SWAMP).

Representatives from the Department of Fish and Game, Department of Water Resources, Heal the Bay and Water Keepers addressed the State Water Board, praising the progress of SWAMP, but urged more funding for the program.

"We are committed to developing SWAMP and making the program the most robust monitoring database in the nation," said Celeste Cantú, Executive Director of the Water Board.

SWAMP is a statewide monitoring effort designed to assess the conditions of surface waters throughout the state of California. SWAMP integrates the Water Boards' existing water quality monitoring efforts and coordinates with other monitoring programs.

The State Water Board administers the SWAMP program and monitoring activities fall with the nine regional water boards.

More information on the program can be found at:
<http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/swamp/index.html>

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